

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. Status of Claims and Comments on Amendments**

This application has 20 claims, all of which are subject to a restriction requirement. Process claims 10-15, directed to the Group II invention, are withdrawn from examination, with the proviso that they will be considered for rejoinder with any allowable product claims. Method claims 19-20, directed to the Group III invention, are canceled herein, without prejudice to claiming the subject matter therein in a divisional application.

Claim 18 has been amended to more clearly define the invention claimed. Support for the amendment is found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

New claims 21 and 22, directed to the elected species, are added. They find support in the specification as filed, so that no new subject matter has been added by this amendment.

II. Restriction Requirement

The claims of this application are subject to a restriction requirement. In response, Applicant elects for examination the invention of Group I, claims 1-9 and 16-18, drawn to a polymeric composition. All of claims 1-9, 16-18, 21 and 22 read on the elected invention.

III. Election Requirement

Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species of the components of the elected invention. In response, Applicant elects the following species:

- (1) ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer as the low melting polymer or copolymer;
- (2) stearic acid as the solid fatty acid; and
- (3) d-cyphenothrin as the active agent.

All of claims 1-22 encompass the elected species.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all pending claims are patentable, and early passage to allowance is respectfully requested. Should any matters remain that can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 510-749-4842.

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